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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: FRENCH ARMS SALES ACTIVITY

1. ON AUGUST 9, TWO NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVES VISITED THE DEPARTMENT TO PASS ON INFORMATION FROM THE COMPANY'S SOUTHEAST ASIA OFFICE CONCERNING ALLEGED FRENCH REPRESENTATIONS TO THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO SWITCH FROM US TO FRENCH MILITARY HARDWARE. THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION IS SAID TO BE AN INDONESIAN AIR VICE MARSHAL (NFI), WHO IS FURTHER SAID TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE USG 'COUNTERD THE FRENCH PRESSURE.

2. THE NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PURPORTED FRENCH DISPARAGEMENT TO THE GOI OF THE F-5E, BUT THE REPORT STATED THAT THIS WAS ONLY PART OF INCREASED  
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FRENCH EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE MILITARY PROCUREMENT DECISIONS THROUGHOUT ASEAN.

3. ALTHOUGH NORTHROP SELF INTEREST IS OBVIOUSLY A FACTOR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF THIS REPORT.  
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